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(BASED ON PCT/EP04/06979)

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE

PREPARATION OF MIDDLE DISTILLATES AND LUBE BASES STARTING FROM SYNTHETIC HYDROCARBON FEEDSTOCKS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.